

FMMI is Coming.....Be in on the Buzz!

What is “FMMI” you may ask?

FMMI is the Financial Management Modernization Initiative. If you haven't heard of this acronym already get excited because this will be a regular addition to the USDA vocabulary and what many will be talking about in the coming months.

USDA is taking steps to modernize its financial systems through a state-of-the-art software package that will provide online, real-time transaction capability and access that impacts every Agency and Staff Office in the Department. It will replace the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS) and program financial systems, as applicable. USDA launched FMMI after identifying the need to upgrade aging Departmental and agency financial and administrative payment and program general ledger systems. Department officials will use FMMI to address challenges and opportunities in the rapidly changing Federal financial management, and technology environment.

FMMI is being sponsored by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) and is focused on four primary objectives which include:

- \$ Support USDA's mission
- \$ Address legacy system support and material weaknesses
- \$ Meet legislative and management mandates (e.g., Federal accounting and systems standards)
- \$ Integrate with existing and emerging eGovernment initiatives

When is FMMI coming and how do you fit in?

USDA Agencies and Staff Offices are deploying to FMMI in 3 phases. Deployment 1 (October 2009), Deployment 2 (October 2010), and Deployment 3 (October 2011).

The agencies included in the first implementation phase are:

- \$ Departmental Administration & Staff Offices (NAD, OBPA, OC, OSEC, SCR, OCE, OCFO, OCIO, OES, OGC, HSO and OIG)
- \$ Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- \$ Economic Research Service (ERS)
- \$ National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
- \$ Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
- \$ Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
- \$ Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Continue to be in on the buzz!

We will continue to provide you with additional information on FMMI, specifically on the benefits and impacts to you, as we move forward with the implementation. If you have any questions, please contact your Agency or Staff Office Implementation Lead or Communication Lead with questions.

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We Need You!

To make FMMI a successful project with meaningful results to USDA, it is imperative for our Agencies and Staff Offices to take an active role in the design and implementation of the system. The goal is to have a single instance of the system with consistent policies and procedures across the Department. This means there will be some amount of change for everyone. Some of the changes you may not like or completely agree with but keep in mind the bigger picture of what is best for the entire Department.

Deployment 1 activities officially kicked off in January 2009. Implementation teams from each of the Deployment 1 Agencies and Staff Offices listed below have been identified and are working with the FMMI Core Project team to complete the various communication, training, data cleansing, IT, and build tasks required to be ready for Go-Live in October.

Implementation of FMMI is critical for the future of USDA, and by working together we can ensure that the project is a success. Thanks in advance for your support and participation.

For information on your specific Agency or Staff Office FMMI contacts, please see the FMMI Website [Contact Deployment 1 Agency / Staff Office FMMI Lead](#) section for an up to date list of contacts and subject matter experts (SMEs).